Piping and Dancing Association of NZ Marlborough Nelson Centre

Invites you to compete at:



NZ Highland Dancer of the Year Open
NZ Highland Dancer of the Year Under 18 Years
NZ Highland Dancer of the Year Under 16 Years
NZ Highland Dancer of the Year 13 Years
NZ Highland Dancer of the Year 12 Years
NZ Highland Dancer of the Year 11 Years
NZ Highland Dancer of the Year 10 Years
NZ Highland Dancer of the Year 9 Years
NZ Highland Dancer of the Year 8 Years
NZ Highland Dancer of the Year 7 Years
NZ Highland Dancer of the Year 6 Years & Under

Saturday 27 & Sunday 28 September 2025

(Competition may start Friday Evening if entries exceed expectations)

Rutherford Hotel

27 Nile St West, Nelson

ADJUDICATORS:

Helene Karton MNZAHND (Tauranga)
Nadine Robertson MNZAHND (Gore)
Jacqueline Seque MNZAHND (Hons) (Solo Seal) (Dunedin)

Entries close 31 July 2025

All enquiries to Competition Secretary: Kathryn Preston

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NZ Highland Dancer of the Year Open

Class 1 Highland Fling	1st: \$30	2nd: \$25	3rd: \$20 4th: \$15	Entry Fee: \$10.00
Class 2 Sword Dance	1st: \$30	2nd: \$25	3rd: \$20 4th: \$15	Entry Fee: \$10.00
Class 3 Seann Triubhas	1st: \$30	2nd: \$25	3rd: \$20 4th: \$15	Entry Fee: \$10.00
Class 4 Reel O'Tulloch	1st: \$30	2nd: \$25	3rd: \$20 4th: \$15	Entry Fee: \$10.00
Class 5 Irish Jig ST	1st: \$30	2nd: \$25	3rd: \$20 4th: \$15	Entry Fee: \$10.00
Class 6 Irish Jig DT	1st: \$30	2nd: \$25	3rd: \$20 4th: \$15	Entry Fee: \$10.00
Class 7 Irish Hornpipe	1st: \$30	2nd: \$25	3rd: \$20 4th: \$15	Entry Fee: \$10.00
Class 8 Sailors Hornpipe	1st: \$30	2nd: \$25	3rd: \$20 4th: \$15	Entry Fee: \$10.00

Awards for NZ Highland Dancer of the Year Open:

Most Points Classes 1-8 Sara Simmons Trophy, Sash and \$250 Runner up Classes 1-8 Bishell Brothers Trophy and Sash 3rd to 6th Classes 1-8 Sash

NZ Highland Dancer of the Year Under 18 years

Class 9 Highland Fling	1st: \$25	2nd: \$20	3rd: \$15 4th: \$10	Entry Fee: \$10.00
Class 10 Sword Dance	1st: \$25	2nd: \$20	3rd: \$15 4th: \$10	Entry Fee: \$10.00
Class 11 Seann Triubhas	1st: \$25	2nd: \$20	3rd: \$15 4th: \$10	Entry Fee: \$10.00
Class 12 Irish Jig ST	1st: \$25	2nd: \$20	3rd: \$15 4th: \$10	Entry Fee: \$10.00
Class 13 Irish Jig DT	1st: \$25	2nd: \$20	3rd: \$15 4th: \$10	Entry Fee: \$10.00
Class 14 Irish Hornpipe	1st: \$25	2nd: \$20	3rd: \$15 4th: \$10	Entry Fee: \$10.00
Class 15 Sailors Hornpipe	1st: \$25	2nd: \$20	3rd: \$15 4th: \$10	Entry Fee: \$10.00
Class 16a* Highland Fling 16 years only	1st: \$25	2nd: \$20	3rd: \$15 4th: \$10	Entry Fee: \$10.00
Class 16b* Highland Fling 17 years only	1st: \$25	2nd: \$20	3rd: \$15 4th: \$10	Entry Fee: \$10.00

Awards for NZ Highland Dancer of the Year Under 18 years:

Most Points Classes 9-15 Zoe Blackmore Trophy, Sash and \$200 Runner up Classes 9-15 Marlborough Highland Dancing Trophy and Sash 3rd to 6th Classes 9-15 Sash (*Classes 16a and 16b not included in Most Points)

NZ Highland Dancer of the Year Under 16 years

Class 17 Highland Fling	1st: \$25	2nd: \$20	3rd: \$15 4th: \$10	Entry Fee: \$10.00
Class 18 Sword Dance	1st: \$25	2nd: \$20	3rd: \$15 4th: \$10	Entry Fee: \$10.00
Class 19 Seann Triubhas	1st: \$25	2nd: \$20	3rd: \$15 4th: \$10	Entry Fee: \$10.00
Class 20 Irish Jig ST	1st: \$25	2nd: \$20	3rd: \$15 4th: \$10	Entry Fee: \$10.00
Class 21 Irish Jig DT	1st: \$25	2nd: \$20	3rd: \$15 4th: \$10	Entry Fee: \$10.00
Class 22 Irish Hornpipe	1st: \$25	2nd: \$20	3rd: \$15 4th: \$10	Entry Fee: \$10.00
Class 23 Sailors Hornpipe	1st: \$25	2nd: \$20	3rd: \$15 4th: \$10	Entry Fee: \$10.00
Class 24a* Highland Fling 14 years only	1st: \$25	2nd: \$20	3rd: \$15 4th: \$10	Entry Fee: \$10.00
Class 24b* Highland Fling 15 years only	1st: \$25	2nd: \$20	3rd: \$15 4th: \$10	Entry Fee: \$10.00

Awards for NZ Highland Dancer of the Year Under 16 years:

Most Points Classes 17-23 Marlborough Academy of Dance Trophy, Sash and \$150 Runner Up Classes 17-23 Preston Clan Trophy and Sash 3rd to 6th Classes 17-23 Sash (*Classes 24a and 24b not included in Most Points)

Class 25 NZHDY Reel O'Tulloch Under 14 years 1st - 4th NZ Highland Dancer of the Year Medals Entry Fee: \$8.00

NZ Highland Dancer of the Year 13 years

Class 26 Highland Fling	1st - 4th NZ Highland Dancer of the Year Medals	Entry Fee: \$8.00
Class 27 Sword Dance	1st - 4th NZ Highland Dancer of the Year Medals	Entry Fee: \$8.00
Class 28 Seann Triubhas	1st - 4th NZ Highland Dancer of the Year Medals	Entry Fee: \$8.00
Class 29 Highland Reel	1st - 4th NZ Highland Dancer of the Year Medals	Entry Fee: \$8.00
Class 30 Irish Jig ST	1st - 4th NZ Highland Dancer of the Year Medals	Entry Fee: \$8.00
Class 31 Irish Hornpipe	1st - 4th NZ Highland Dancer of the Year Medals	Entry Fee: \$8.00
Class 32 Sailors Hornpipe	1st - 4th NZ Highland Dancer of the Year Medals	Entry Fee: \$8.00

Awards NZ Highland Dancer of the Year 13 years:

Most Points Classes 26-32 Nelson Highland Dancing Organisation Trophy and Sash Runner Up Classes 26-32 Harriet Lintern Trophy and Sash 3rd to 4th Classes 26-32 Sash

NZ Highland Dancer of the Year 12 years

Class 33 Highland Fling	1st - 4th NZ Highland Dancer of the Year Medals	Entry Fee: \$8.00
Class 34 Sword Dance	1st - 4th NZ Highland Dancer of the Year Medals	Entry Fee: \$8.00
Class 35 Seann Triubhas	1st - 4th NZ Highland Dancer of the Year Medals	Entry Fee: \$8.00
Class 36 Highland Reel	1st - 4th NZ Highland Dancer of the Year Medals	Entry Fee: \$8.00
Class 37 Irish Jig ST	1st - 4th NZ Highland Dancer of the Year Medals	Entry Fee: \$8.00
Class 38 Irish Hornpipe	1st - 4th NZ Highland Dancer of the Year Medals	Entry Fee: \$8.00
Class 39 Sailors Hornpipe	1st - 4th NZ Highland Dancer of the Year Medals	Entry Fee: \$8.00

Awards NZ Highland Dancer of the Year 12 years:

Most Points Classes 33-39 Cathy Harman Trophy and Sash Runner Up Classes 33-39 Webster Sisters Trophy and Sash 3rd to 4th Classes 33-39 Sash

Class 40 NZHDY Highland Reel Under 12 years 1st - 4th NZ Highland Dancer of the Year Medals Entry Fee: \$8.00

NZ Highland Dancer of the Year 11 years

Class 41 Highland Fling	1st - 4th NZ Highland Dancer of the Year Medals	Entry Fee: \$8.00
Class 42 Sword Dance	1st - 4th NZ Highland Dancer of the Year Medals	Entry Fee: \$8.00
Class 43 Seann Triubhas	1st - 4th NZ Highland Dancer of the Year Medals	Entry Fee: \$8.00
Class 44 Highland Reel	1st - 4th NZ Highland Dancer of the Year Medals	Entry Fee: \$8.00
Class 45 Irish Jig ST	1st - 4th NZ Highland Dancer of the Year Medals	Entry Fee: \$8.00
Class 46 Irish Hornpipe	1st - 4th NZ Highland Dancer of the Year Medals	Entry Fee: \$8.00
Class 47 Sailors Hornpipe	1st - 4th NZ Highland Dancer of the Year Medals	Entry Fee: \$8.00

Awards for NZ Highland Dancer of the Year 11 years:

Most Points Classes 41-47 Marlborough Highland Dancing Trophy and Sash Runner Up Classes 41-47 Kerry Fleischmann Trophy and Sash 3rd to 4th Classes 41-47 Sash

NZ Highland Dancer of the Year 10 years

Class 48 Highland Fling	1st - 4th NZ Highland Dancer of the Year Medals	Entry Fee: \$8.00:
Class 49 Sword Dance	1st - 4th NZ Highland Dancer of the Year Medals	Entry Fee: \$8.00
Class 50 Seann Triubhas	1st - 4th NZ Highland Dancer of the Year Medals	Entry Fee: \$8.00
Class 51 Highland Reel	1st - 4th NZ Highland Dancer of the Year Medals	Entry Fee: \$8.00
Class 52 Irish Jig ST	1st - 4th NZ Highland Dancer of the Year Medals	Entry Fee: \$8.00
Class 53 Irish Hornpipe	1st - 4th NZ Highland Dancer of the Year Medals	Entry Fee: \$8.00
Class 54 Sailors Hornpipe	1st - 4th NZ Highland Dancer of the Year Medals	Entry Fee: \$8.00

Awards for NZ Highland Dancer of the Year 10 years:

Most Points Classes 48-54 Hook Sisters Trophy and Sash Runner Up Classes 48-54 Suzanne Wilson Trophy and Sash 3rd to 4th Classes 48-54 Sash

NZ Highland Dancer of the Year 9 years

Class 55 Highland Fling	1st - 4th NZ Highland Dancer of the Year Medals	Entry Fee: \$8.00
Class 56 Sword Dance	1st - 4th NZ Highland Dancer of the Year Medals	Entry Fee: \$8.00
Class 57 Irish Jig ST	1st - 4th NZ Highland Dancer of the Year Medals	Entry Fee: \$8.00
Class 58 Sailors Hornpipe	1st - 4th NZ Highland Dancer of the Year Medals	Entry Fee: \$8.00
Class 59 Highland Fling	1st - 4th NZ Highland Dancer of the Year Medals	Entry Fee: \$8.00
Class 60 Sword Dance	1st - 4th NZ Highland Dancer of the Year Medals	Entry Fee: \$8.00
Class 61 Irish Jig ST	1st - 4th NZ Highland Dancer of the Year Medals	Entry Fee: \$8.00
Class 62 Sailors Hornpipe	1st - 4th NZ Highland Dancer of the Year Medals	Entry Fee: \$8.00

Awards for NZ Highland Dancer of the Year 9 years:

Most Points Classes 55-62 Millar Family Trophy and Sash Runner Up Classes 55-62 Helen Brown Life Member Trophy and Sash 3rd to 4th Classes 55-62 Sash

NZ Highland Dancer of the Year 8 years

Class 63 Highland Fling	1st - 4th NZ Highland Dancer of the Year Medals	Entry Fee: \$8.00
Class 64 Sword Dance	1st - 4th NZ Highland Dancer of the Year Medals	Entry Fee: \$8.00
Class 65 Irish Jig ST	1st - 4th NZ Highland Dancer of the Year Medals	Entry Fee: \$8.00
Class 66 Sailors Hornpipe	1st - 4th NZ Highland Dancer of the Year Medals	Entry Fee: \$8.00
Class 67 Highland Fling	1st - 4th NZ Highland Dancer of the Year Medals	Entry Fee: \$8.00
Class 68 Sword Dance	1st - 4th NZ Highland Dancer of the Year Medals	Entry Fee: \$8.00
Class 69 Irish Jig ST	1st - 4th NZ Highland Dancer of the Year Medals	Entry Fee: \$8.00
Class 70 Sailors Hornpipe	1st - 4th NZ Highland Dancer of the Year Medals	Entry Fee: \$8.00

Awards for NZ Highland Dancer 8 years:

Most Points Classes 63-70 Vibert Family Trophy and Sash Runner Up Classes 63-70 Robyn Simmons Trophy and Sash 3rd to 4th Classes 63-70 Sash

NZ Highland Dancer of the Year 7 years

Class 71 Highland Fling	1st - 4th NZ Highland Dancer of the Year Medals	Entry Fee: \$7.00
Class 72 Sword Dance	1st - 4th NZ Highland Dancer of the Year Medals	Entry Fee: \$7.00
Class 73 Irish Jig ST	1st - 4th NZ Highland Dancer of the Year Medals	Entry Fee: \$7.00
Class 74 Sailors Hornpipe	1st - 4th NZ Highland Dancer of the Year Medals	Entry Fee: \$7.00
Class 75 Highland Fling	1st - 4th NZ Highland Dancer of the Year Medals	Entry Fee: \$7.00
Class 76 Sword Dance	1st - 4th NZ Highland Dancer of the Year Medals	Entry Fee: \$7.00
Class 77 Irish Jig ST	1st - 4th NZ Highland Dancer of the Year Medals	Entry Fee: \$7.00
Class 78 Sailors Hornpipe	1st - 4th NZ Highland Dancer of the Year Medals	Entry Fee: \$7.00

Awards for NZ Highland Dancer of the Year 7 years:

Most Points Classes 71-78 Danielle Pope Challenge Trophy and Sash Runner Up Classes 71-78 Vicky Maples Trophy and Sash 3rd to 4th Classes 71-78 Sash

NZ Highland Dancer of the Year 6 & Under

Class 79 Highland Fling	1st - 4th NZ Highland Dancer of the Year Medals	Entry Fee: \$7.00
Class 80 Sword Dance	1st - 4th NZ Highland Dancer of the Year Medals	Entry Fee: \$7.00
Class 81 Irish Jig ST	1st - 4th NZ Highland Dancer of the Year Medals	Entry Fee: \$7.00
Class 82 Highland Fling	1st - 4th NZ Highland Dancer of the Year Medals	Entry Fee: \$7.00
Class 83 Sword Dance	1st - 4th NZ Highland Dancer of the Year Medals	Entry Fee: \$7.00
Class 84 Irish Jig ST	1st - 4th NZ Highland Dancer of the Year Medals	Entry Fee: \$7.00

Awards for NZ Highland Dancer of the Year 6 & Under:

Most Points Classes 79-84 Matheson Family Trophy and Sash Runner Up Classes 79-84 Hook Family Trophy and Sash 3rd to 4th Classes 79-84 Sash

Additional Trophies:

Rachael Preston Trophy: Most Points Highland Dances under 14 Liliana Stebbings Trophy: Most Points Irish Dances under 14

Entry Fees

- As stated for each class.
- Administration Fee \$30.00 per Dancer (maximum \$60.00 per family)
- Printed Programme \$15.00 each
- All entries to be made online. Please use following link:

Entry Form NZHDY 2025

For internet banking our account number is: Westpac Nelson 030599-0285558-000
 Account Name: Marlborough Nelson P and D Assn Dancing Account

Please also include competitor's name with NZHDY as reference

Entries Close 31 July 2025

For all enquiries please email: entries.nzhd@gmail.com

NOTES TO ALL PARENTS AND COMPETITORS – RULES AND CONDITIONS

- 1. All classes conducted under the Piping & Dancing Association of New Zealand Incorporated bylaws.
- 2. All entries are to be made via online entry form and payment made via internet banking. **All fees must be paid at time of entry.** Please contact Competition Secretary if you wish to make other arrangements. No refunds allowed after closing date of entries. No late entries will be accepted.
- 3. Account details for payment: Westpac Nelson 030599-0285558-000. Marlborough Nelson P and D Assn Dancing Account. **Please use NZHDY as reference** and include competitor's name.
- 4. All competitors must be currently registered with P&D Association of NZ Inc. Failure to do so will incur payment of further fee prior to competing.
- 5. All competitors compete at their own risk and Marlborough/Nelson Piping & Dancing accepts no responsibility for accidents, mishaps or theft or misplacement of personal property. Only on these conditions is entry accepted.ost Points awards will be calculated using Method B, rule 13 of the Piping & Dancing Association of New Zealand (Inc) by-laws.
- 6. Prizes: As stated in the schedule for each class. 5th prize and points will be awarded if more than 21 competitors, and 6th prize and points if more than 26 competitors.

 In the Under 16 age group (classes 17-23) points will be awarded 1st 6th regardless of number of competitors.
 - VHC, HC & C Ribbons awarded in all classes at discretion of adjudicator.
- 7. In the event of a tie, rule 13 of the Piping & Dancing Association of New Zealand (Inc) by-laws will apply and aggregate marks will be used.
- 8. All trophies remain the property of Marlborough/Nelson Piping and Dancing and must be returned upon request. Any loss or damage to any trophy is the full responsibility of the recipient.
- 9. Competitors must compete in order of programme or at board steward's discretion. All classes including Reels will be pre drawn and competitor order will be as per the programme.
- 10. Dancers must report to the Board Steward/Stage Manager immediately when called upon and be ready to dance or the right to compete in the event may be withdrawn.
- 11. Entry to competition gives Marlborough Nelson Piping and Dancing the right to record classes and publish names and results. If you elect not to grant the Association/Society the right to use your image, it is your responsibility to remove yourself from situations where photos are likely to be taken, such as at presentation time. The Association does not guarantee that your image will not be published as part of a larger group or performance photograph, and by participating in the competition or event you automatically waive your rights in respect of such images.
- 12. Events and presentations may be live-streamed on the NZ Highland Dancer of the Year Facebook page.
- 13. The taking of photographs and videos of any performance is strictly prohibited unless prior consent has been granted by the Committee.
- 14. Any person found damaging any part of the Rutherford Hotel will be liable for full restoration, and if it is a competitor, may forfeit the right to compete.









Event Sponsorship Form

Marlborough Nelson Centre of the Piping and Dancing Association of New Zealand Inc. is proud to host the New Zealand Highland Dancer of the Year 2025 competition at the Rutherford Hotel Nelson on the 27 & 28 September 2025.

We would be extremely grateful of any sponsorship and invite you to complete this form and return it to our Competition Secretary. All sponsorship will be acknowledged in our programme and on social media, and individual event sponsorship will be acknowledged at the time of the result presentation for that event.

If you would like a separate form for sponsorship emailed to you, please contact the Secretary, Kathryn Preston, at danceroftheyearnz@gmail.com

Sponsor Name:	
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Sponsorship Amount	

Payments to: Marlborough Nelson P&D Assn – Dancing Account
Westpac Bank 03 0599 0285558 000

NEW ZEALAND HIGHLAND DANCER OF THE YEAR - OPEN

Class 1 Highland Fling Class 2 Sword Dance Class 3 Seann Triubhas Class 4 Reel O'Tulloch Class 5 Irish Jig ST Class 6 Irish Jig DT Class 7 Irish Hornpipe Class 8 Sailors Hornpipe		\$80 \$80 \$80 \$80 \$80 \$80 \$80 \$80	
NEW ZEALAND HIGHLAND DANCER OF THE YEAR – UNDER 18 YEARS			
Class 9 Class 10 Class 11 Class 12 Class 13 Class 14 Class 15 Class 16a Class 16b	Highland Fling Sword Dance Seann Triubhas Irish Jig ST Irish Jig DT Irish Hornpipe Sailors Hornpipe Highland Fling 16 years Highland Fling 17 years	\$80 \$80 \$80 \$80 \$80 \$80 \$80 \$80 \$80	
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NEW ZEALAND HIGHLAND DANCER OF THE YEAR – UNDER 16 YEARS			
Class 26 Class 27 Class 28	Highland Fling Sword Dance Seann Triubhas Irish Jig ST Irish Jig DT Irish Hornpipe Sailors Hornpipe Highland Fling 14 years Highland Fling 15 years NZHDY Reel O'Tulloch Under 14 years D HIGHLAND DANCER OF THE YEAR – 13 YEARS Highland Fling Sword Dance Seann Triubhas Highland Reel	\$80 \$80 \$80 \$80 \$80 \$80 \$80 \$80 \$50 \$50 \$50 \$50	
Class 29 Class 30 Class 31 Class 32	Highland Reel Irish Jig ST Irish Hornpipe Sailors Hornpipe	\$50 \$50 \$50 \$50	
NEW ZEALAND HIGHLAND DANCER OF THE YEAR – 12 YEARS			
Class 33 Class 34 Class 35 Class 36 Class 37 Class 38 Class 39	Highland Fling Sword Dance Seann Triubhas Highland Reel Irish Jig ST Irish Hornpipe Sailors Hornpipe	\$50 \$50 \$50 \$50 \$50 \$50 \$50	
Class 40	NZHDY Highland Reel Under 12 years	\$50	

NEW ZEALAND HIGHLAND DANCER OF THE YEAR - 11 YEARS Class 41 Highland Fling \$50 **Sword Dance** \$50 Class 42 П Class 43 Seann Triubhas \$50 Class 44 \$50 **Highland Reel** Class 45 Irish Jig ST \$50 Class 46 Irish Hornpipe \$50 Class 47 Sailors Hornpipe \$50 **NEW ZEALAND HIGHLAND DANCER OF THE YEAR - 10 YEARS** \$50 Class 48 Highland Fling П \$50 Class 49 **Sword Dance** Class 50 Seann Triubhas \$50 Highland Reel \$50 Class 51 Class 52 Irish Jig ST \$50 Class 53 Irish Hornpipe \$50 Class 54 Sailors Hornpipe \$50 **NEW ZEALAND HIGHLAND DANCER OF THE YEAR - 9 YEARS** Class 55 Highland Fling \$50 Class 56 **Sword Dance** \$50 Class 57 Irish Jig ST \$50 Class 58 Sailors Hornpipe \$50 Class 59 Highland Fling \$50 \$50 Class 60 **Sword Dance** \$50 Class 61 Irish Jig ST Class 62 Sailors Hornpipe \$50 **NEW ZEALAND HIGHLAND DANCER OF THE YEAR - 8 YEARS** \$50 Class 63 Highland Fling Class 64 **Sword Dance** \$50 \$50 Class 65 Irish Jig ST \$50 Class 66 Sailors Hornpipe Class 67 Highland Fling \$50 Class 68 **Sword Dance** \$50 Class 69 Irish Jig ST \$50 \$50 Class 70 Sailors Hornpipe **NEW ZEALAND HIGHLAND DANCER OF THE YEAR - 7 YEARS** Class 71 \$50 Highland Fling Class 72 **Sword Dance** \$50 Class 73 \$50 Irish Jig ST Class 74 Sailors Hornpipe \$50 Class 75 \$50 Highland Fling Class 76 **Sword Dance** \$50 П Class 77 Irish Jig ST \$50 Class 78 Sailors Hornpipe \$50 NEW ZEALAND HIGHLAND DANCER OF THE YEAR - 6 & UNDER Class 79 Highland Fling \$50 Class 80 **Sword Dance** \$50 Class 81 Irish Jig ST \$50 П Class 82 Highland Fling \$50 Class 83 **Sword Dance** \$50 Class 84 Irish Jig ST \$50